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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 4, 2007, applicants respectfully request the following amendments and remarks be made of record in the aboveidentified application. Applicants' response is due on or before July 5, 2007 (the first business day following July 4, 2007).

Please cancel claims 4 and 5, amend claims 1 to 3 and 6, and add claims 9 to 12 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Entry of this amendment is requested to place this case in condition for allowance or better form for appeal.